

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, as follows;

Referring to the drawings, apparatus according to our above mentioned European patent publication number 0705356 B comprises a rubberised conveyor belt (20) driven by conveyor rollers (22,24) and a heated roller (26) which is held against the belt (20) in close proximity to roller (24) so as to apply heat and pressure to fabric strips or tapes (12) passing through the nip formed between the rollers (26) and (24). Heated roller (26) and roller (24) therefore constitute heat and pressure application means. The strips (12) are fed onto the conveyor and the fabric strip direction is at right angles to the axis of the heated roller (26). The strips are progressed through the nip of the roller (26) and the conveyor (20) (Figure 2). The belt or conveyor (20) therefore constitutes transport means for effecting relative movement between the heat and pressure application means and the fabric strips (12).